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Requirement for Soviet Bloc Maritime Rate Tariffs

1. The absence of comprehensive freight and passenger rate information is one of the most serious gaps in intelligence on Soviet Bloc merchant shipping. A recent translation of a chapter in a Soviet text on "Organization of Transport and Cargo Work in Maritime Transport" by G.Ye Gurevich, published in Moscow in 1952, suggests that several types of manuals containing rate data for Soviet merchant shipping may be accessible. Those mentioned which would be useful are as follows:

- a. "Maritime Fleet USSR Code of Freight Tariff"
- b. "Manual of USSR Maritime Transport Shipping and Tariff Regulations"
- c. "Summary of USSR Maritime Fleet Cargo Tariffs" (Parts I and II)

2. It is requested that an effort be made to acquire copies of these publications as soon as possible. Their use should be widespread in the USSR among steamship agencies, ports and organizations shipping cargoes in Soviet coastal and international trade. Copies may also be available in non-Bloc shipping organizations on the continent which engage in trade with the USSR. A

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3. The same information is requested on the European Satellites, especially Poland. [REDACTED]

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4. The degree of need for this information is urgent.

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